

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the comments set forth in the Office Action of November 17, 2006.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

The Office Action

Previous 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections have been withdrawn in view of Applicants' arguments filed August 18, 2006.

Claims 25-29 and 36-42 now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 30-35 and 43 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 25-43 are stated to be potentially allowable if the issues with respect to 35 U.S.C. §101 are overcome.

The Withdrawn §103 Rejections

Applicants wish to express their appreciation and thank the Examiner for withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections for remaining claims 25-43.

Telephonic Interview

A telephonic interview was held with the Examiner on January 23, 2007. The subject of the interview related to the §101 rejections of the independent claims, with particular reference to the first independent claim 25. Applicants described a suggested amendment to claim 25 in order to ascertain the Examiner's opinion as to whether or not the newly recited limitations would be sufficient to overcome the §101 rejections. Applicants believe that the amendments to the claims herein are in accordance with the Examiner's expressed opinion regarding the need for reciting a tangible result.

It is believed by Applicants that the discussion above reflects the substance of the interview.

The §101 Rejections

With reference to claims 25-29 and 36-42, and with particular reference to independent claims 25 and 36, the Examiner indicated that, although independent claims 25 and 36 both recite "storing a graphical representation of the image in a page

storage buffer", no concrete, useful and tangible result is provided, such as a physical hardcopy or a display on a monitor. The Examiner therefore rejected the subject claims under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants have herein amended each of independent claims 25 and 36 to recite a limitation for outputting a tangible result. Each claim, as amended, recites a limitation for outputting an image to a printed image or a digital image displayed on an output device. For the Examiner's convenience, the Examiner may find support for the recited features with respect to outputting the image on page 23, lines 10-16 of the original application. Additional support may be found on page 1, lines 14-22 and original claim 4 (now canceled) on page 25. Support for the "windowed image" may be found in FIG. 5, and the output device is shown in FIG. 24. Applicants respectfully submit that each of independent claims 25 and 36 now complies with the requirements set forth in 35 U.S.C. §101.

For the above-described reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 25, as amended, and claims 26-29 and 42 depending therefrom, and also independent claim 36, as amended, and claims 37-41 depending therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

With reference now to claims 30-35 and 43, and with particular reference to independent claim 30, the Examiner indicated that, although claim 30 recites storing "received portions of the image in a page storage buffer portion of the memory", no concrete, useful and tangible result is provided, such as a physical hardcopy or a display on a monitor. The Examiner therefore rejected the subject claims under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants have herein also amended independent claim 30 in a manner similar to independent claims 25 and 36 to recite a limitation for an outputted tangible result. Claim 30, as amended, recites a limitation for an output device adapted to receive the windowed image and produce a printed image or a digital image displayed on the output device. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 30 now complies with the requirements set forth in 35 U.S.C. §101.

For the above-described reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 30, as amended, and claims 31-35 and 43 depending therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

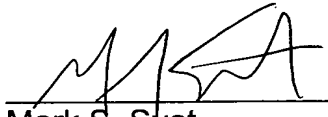
For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 25-43) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

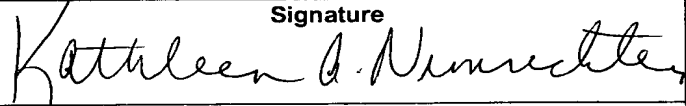
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